

November 4, 1955

Dean O. A. Elvehjem
Graduate School & Research Committee
Bascom Hall

Dear Dean Elvehjem:

I am submitting this letter as a request for support for a research leave during the Spring semester in 1956. My present plan would be to take this leave from February 1 to April 30, but it may be necessary to defer the three-month interval for a few weeks or a month, depending on the status of the remodeling of the laboratory in the Genetics Building. The purpose of the leave would be to collaborate with Professor E. L. Tatum at Stanford University.

Some explanation is appropriate for the delayed submission of this request. After Professor Tatum had invited me to make this visit to his laboratory, I met him in Washington last spring and we discussed possible financial arrangements. I indicated that I might apply to the Graduate School for support if he would undertake to carry the salary of Dr. M. M. Lederberg (who is a Project Associate here on funds from a Rockefeller Foundation grant and who has also had considerable experience with *Neurospora*). He suggested that I postpone application until he explored other possibilities of support. Later I received a letter from him which I interpreted to mean that he had been successful, and assented accordingly. I met Professor Tatum again Monday at the International Symposium on Enzymes at Detroit, and we discovered there had been a misunderstanding, and he had had the impression I had applied successfully to the Graduate School here. I have prepared this application at the earliest possible moment for your consideration; we have meanwhile proceeded with discussions on research details on optimistic assumptions. I have also asked Professor Tatum to write you as well to confirm his interest in this proposal.

The support requested is simply to continue my regular salary while I work at Stanford. I expect to use vacation leave time for traveling back and forth, and may be able to defray some of the travel expenses with honoraria from lectures en route. Professor Tatum will have arranged for any research expenses at Stanford, as well as for the associateship for Mrs. Lederberg.

I am enclosing a program for the work to be done at Stanford. Next spring would be a favorable time for such a visit in many respects. I do not have too many graduate students who are just starting or finishing, and the laboratory routine can be left in charge of Dr. M. L. Morse as Project Associate.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

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cc M. R. Irwin
E. L. Tatum